



Ovarian Cancer 60-SEC PSA **September 2017**

Each year, more than 20 thousand women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Many of them do not seek help until the disease has begun to spread, but if detected at its earliest stage, the survival rate is more than 90 percent.

This is Acting State Health Officer Doctor Scott Harris. Ovarian cancer symptoms are often subtle and difficult to diagnose, but knowing the signs and symptoms could save your life. Worrisome symptoms include abdominal bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, eating difficulty or feeling full quickly, and changes in bowel habits.

If you have any of these concerning symptoms that last more than two to three weeks, call your doctor and schedule an appointment. Studies show that women who have a mother, daughter, or sister with ovarian cancer – and women with a personal or family history of breast, uterine, colon, or rectal cancers – may also have an increased risk for developing ovarian cancer.

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